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1. During the Japanese occupation, there was no Labor Union in Changchun. The present union was established by the Communists. It was not very active, however, and no work was done in educating the members or in carrying out labor policies. When the Nationalists entered Changchun, they not only allowed the Union to continue operating, but instructed it to set up branches in various districts. At present, there are 11 branches and the Union hopes to have 70 eventually. The Union leader is elected by the members. The aims and activities of the Union are similar to those of other labor unions.
2. The Commercial Union was founded 50 years ago by the businessmen of Changchun. During the Manchukuo regime, Japanese held the key positions in the organization, and it was expanded to include industrialists and workers as well as businessmen. It was very strong and influential at this time. It was successful in introducing modern methods of operating, efficiency and mass production in many Changchun plants. The Union was inactive during the Russian occupation. When the Chinese Communists took over the city, the former Chinese members of the Commercial Union attempted to revive it. The Communists, however, made large demands on the Union on the basis that it held records of the names and property of its members, and was therefore in a position to obtain funds from them for the Communists. When the Nationalists entered Changchun, the Commercial Union was again revived, this time successfully. There are now 79 branches.

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